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Informational Series Continues on Wetland Restoration

There is still plenty of time to learn about plans for the wetlands restoration effort at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria, VA. In response to continued community interest about the approaching capital project, site staff presents the Park Manager Walk and Talk program as well as providing general information about nature's process of wetland creation.

Come to the Birth of the Wetland Walk on Saturday, October 27, 2007, from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will gather in the neighborhood north of the park and will join the park manager for a walk that starts where Huntley's wetland was born – in local backyards! Please call 703-768-2525 for directions and location details. The walk will start in the neighborhoods north of the park and follow a series of cement ditches and drainage swales down past the lawns and driveways that send Huntley most of its water. If you ever wondered where all that water comes from, this program is perfect for you.

Park staff will provide tips on how neighbors can keep wetlands healthy by landscaping with native plants, installing rain gardens and rains barrels as well as exploring the nearby stream system that leads into the park. Local streams will take participants right to the boardwalk but it's a trek that requires shoes and clothing that can get very dirty! This is a chance to get to know unexplored sections of the park that few people have seen along Barnyard Run. Registration is required for this free program. A 16 person limit has been set and families are welcome.

You can also take a walk in the wetland with the manager on Sunday, November 18th from 3:30 until 5 p.m. Spend the evening sharing your ideas and talking one-on-one about wetland restoration or any other park topic of your choice. Registration is not required.

Please visit the Huntley Meadows Park website, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley/restorationproject.htm to find more information about the wetland restoration project. Please also feel free to contact the park manager to discuss any questions, ideas or concerns, kevin.munroe@fairfaxcounty.gov or (703) 768-2525.

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